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BILL NUMBER: SENATE BILL 280 - THIRD READER

SHORT TITLE: NATURAL RESOURCES - STATE PARK TERMINOLOGY

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: SUPPORT

EXPLANATION OF DEPARTMENT'S POSITION

This bill amends terminology related to State parks to ensure consistency across our park system. It aims to align state park nomenclature with existing terminology for state park land-use designations. No operational or fiscal impacts are anticipated.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Prior legislation has codified the names of certain state parks, including Freedman's State Historical Park and Port of Deposit State Historical Park. Despite what the name may indicate, there is no specific designation for a "State Historical Park." In fact, most public lands have historical significance in addition to these other valuable resources.

Eliminating this inconsistency regarding the titling of Maryland State Parks will help the Department avoid confusion and ensure uniformity across the system.

BILL EXPLANATION

This bill repeals and amends Article – Natural Resources Section 5–2A–04(f)(3), 5–2A–05(b)(2), and 5–1012 for the purpose of altering certain terminology relating to State parks that preserve and interpret the history of certain populations; and generally relating to State parks.

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